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S. CHUH, Hongkong Manager. Hongkong, 4th January, 1900. THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1898. IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA. ESTABLISHED B' IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

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Acting Manager. Hongkong, 21st November, 1899. [14

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H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th January, 1900.

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O' WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of February, 1900, at NOON, the Steamship "SACHSEN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain F. Mentz, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, Calling at NAPLES, and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 5th February, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 6th February, and Parcels 9 will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 6th February. Fine Healthy location, variety of beautiful scenery. Cool Southerly breezes in Summer with perfect protection against the North East Winds in Winter. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

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LECTURE

THE Honographe W. M. GOODMAN has

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Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 26th January, 1900.

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO, STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY I HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 3 P.M. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th January to the THE PEAR HOTEL is situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the TRAMWAY TERMINUS, ist February inclusive. CRAIGIEBURN is situated at PLUNKETT'S GAP, five minutes walk from the PEAR By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary. Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

THE KUWLOON LAND AND BUILD. ING COMPANY, LIMITED.

VENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Offices, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 6th February, 1900, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1899. The Register of Shares of the Company will

be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 27th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February, (both days inclusive) during which period NO Transfer of Shares can be registered. By order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER,

Secretary to The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Limited,

The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited. Hongkong, 16th January, 1900.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED. THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, l'edder Street, at Noon, on WED-NESDAY, the 7th of February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Account to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the

General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th instant to the

7th February, both day inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900 HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

NIOTICE is hereby given that the ORDIN-ARY HALF YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation, will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of February, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

By order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1900. HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK-

ING CORPORATION. ALOTICE is hereby given that the Registers

of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 3rd to the 17th day of February, (both days inclusive), during which Period NO Transfer of Shares: can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager, Hongkong, 24th January, 1900,

#### To-day's Advertisements.

COUTH AFRICAN WAR FUND. A SMOKING CONCERT

will be given in the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB, IN AID OF THIS FUND, TO-NIGHT," (SATURDAY), the 27th January, 1900, Commencing at 9 o'clock.

AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ARRANGED.

ADMISSION ..... \$1 Hongkong, 27th January, 1900.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NIOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-IN ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Limited, will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of February, 1909, at Noon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLU-TIONS which were passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Seal Capsule - - - 12.00 23rd of January, 1900, will be submitted for Confirmation.

RESOLUTIONS. increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 50,000 New Shares of \$20

2. "That the Commission of the General Managers be reduced to 5 per cent, and that the figure "8" in the Sixth paragraph of Article XI of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and the figure "5 substitued therefor." SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE

URING the TEMPORARY ABSENCE If from the Colony of the Undersigned, Mr. E. C. LANE will SIGN for the Secretary. By order of the Board.

DOUGLAS JONES,

Hongkong, 27th January, 1900. FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR," Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 30th instant at 3 P.M.

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SHEWAN TOMES & CO'S. "NEW YORK LINE.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

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Consignees of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that, their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M., TO-DA)

. Goods not cleared by the 2nd February, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within tendays after the Vessel's arrival here, after which no Claims will be recognised. H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent. Hongkong, 27th January, 1900.

### Antimations.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN L: CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Post Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones. Ladies and Children's Under-clothing Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery,

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who are taught by the Sisters. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1802.

THE OFFICES of the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPIL" have This Day been removed to No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD. CENTRAL, Second Floor, (the premises formerly occupied by Messrs, Powell & Co.) to, which address all communications should be addressed.

ETH. F. SKERTCHLY, Manager. Market Charitable Fund Hongkong, 1st May, 18994

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Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily by publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the tair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

( he Hongkong Celegraph

Hongkong, Saturday, January 27, 1900.

### REUTER'S TELECRAMS

THE WAR.

Natal. The Boer Position at Spionkop Captured.

London, January 25th. A despatch from Buller, dated Spearman's Campez 5th instant, says that General Warren's troops on Tuesday night occupied Spionkop, surprising the small garrison, who fled. The hill was held by the British all Wednesday. although heavily attacked, especially by shell -fire. - General Buller fears that casualties are considerable and regrets that General Woodgate is dangerously wounded. General

Warren is of opinion that the capture has

made the enemy's position untenable.

Chievely. General Barton reports eleven casualties at Chievely on the 23rd instant including Capt. Derougemont, of the South African Horse, killed and Capt. Dalton, R. A. M. C.,

#### WEATHER! REPORT.

The Observatory report says:-

wounded.

On the 27th at 11.55 a.m. the barometer has fallen moderately on the E. coast of China, risen slightly on the Sacoast. The high pressure area seems to be now central over N.E. China. Gradients moderate to rather steep with very strong, but decreasing monsoon on the coast and in the N. part of the China sea. FORE-CAST :- Fresh N.E. winds ; fair.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY, being the birthday of the German Emperor, the warships and several of the merchant ships in port were dressed and a royal salute was fired at noon.

IT is now known that Sir Nicholas Hannen goes home on leave on the 18th of May next, and that Mr. H. S. Wilkinson is to be trans. ferred to Shanghai from Japan as Acting Chief.

THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals :--

On Monday afternoon; on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. Centurion. Kick-off at half-past four. Referce:-Mr. R. J. Gerrard.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will play at the Hongkong Hotel this evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Valse "The Queen's Own "Coote.
Fantasia." National Sungs of Germany "Happey.
Song... "Silver Path" Hevan.
Polka... "Shop Girl" Bucalossi.
"God save the Queen."

It is reported that, owing to certain serious charges of misgovernment made against Governor Liu of Hangehow, by a Censor in Peking, Viceroy IIsu of Foochow has been commanded to investigate the matter, and that a Taotai and a prefect sent from Foochow are now in Hangchow incognito making enquiries: It also seems to be the general impression in Chinese official circles here that Governor Liu will be removed from office as a result of the investigation .- N. C. Daily News.

A LIVELY discussion took place this morning at the Magistracy. A Chinaman was brought up before Mr. Halifax for being a vagrant without any visible means of support. When he was searched the sum of one cent was found among his clothing and Mr. Halifax contended that this was visible means of support, as a period on this sum. He was, however, eventually sentenced to 14 days imprisonment.

We cannot say that the aforesaid cent procurred him 14 days board and lodging, so this i 2().41) not an answer to the question, how long can a Chinaman live on one cent?

> THE greatest preventative of crime is the certainty of detection. This morning a Chinamar was brought up before Mr. Gompertz charged with stealing Government telegraph wire. The wire was originally stolen by a Chinese linesman employed by the Military Authorities, he passed it over to Mr. Dogherty's ricksha coolie, who in his turn disposed of it to a marine store dealer. When its loss was reported to the police, enquiries were set on foot and the wire discovered. The linesman was apprehended but let out on \$100 bail, which was escheated, the coolie was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, the marine store dealer to six weeks as receiver of stolen property; the police scored a point, and the Government regained their stolen property. Not a bad morning's work!

THE Tien Tsu Hui (Natural Feet Society) of China is sending a deputation to the Southern Treaty Ports in the person of Mrs. Archibald Little, and we understand that on her way to Canton Mrs. Little is likely to remain a few days in Hongkong, with the idea of interesting people there in the work of her Society. is unfortunate that here she will not be able to address the schools, as she is coming during the China New Year vacation. From Hongkong she intends to proceed to Macao, and Canton and then to Swatow, Amoy and Focchow, and wherever possible, addressing Chinese meetings, as well as meetings of foreigners. The Directors of the China Merchants. Co. are 'so convinced of the good the Society is doing for China that they have furnished Mrs. Little with a free pass by all their steamers as well as with introductions to leading Chinese. Mrs. Little has already addressed crowded meetings attended by high Chinese officials in many of the Yangtze ports. In England she spoke before the Geographical Societies of Glasgow and Edinburgh, as well as before the Society of Arts in London, and at several London ladies' clubs, but she is perhaps best known, in, China by her two last books "Intimate China" and ["A Marriage in China," as also by her husband's, Mr. Archibald Little's, exploits in the Upper Yangtze, up which he took the first pioneer steamer in the spring of 1898, himself owner and captain, and with no other European but his wife with him.

### GLEANINGS BY THE WAY.

Despite the great advertising display in the local papers, the posters in English and Chinese pasted on every wall and hoarding throughout the Colony, and the sanguine anti cipations of the Members of the Sanitary Board, the great rat-catching scheme does not appear to have been such a success as was expected. The Europeans have absorbed a few rat-traps, and, we are told that one has been served out to a Chinaman, but the limed-boards have been -left-severely-alone, .... The rats have not poured in, either dead or alive. So for only cents have been expended, so it seems as if the Government will have to mise the price before a large stock is forthcoming. I passed a dead rat in the road this morning, Mr. Editor, and although I pointed it out to several Chinese and a Sikh Policemen standing near, none of them appeared anxious to earn the promised reward. Perhaps they were too highminded to care about two cents; as for the rat, he was certainly high-I didn't stop to enquire into the state of his mind.

Talking of limed-boards, I really don't wonder that the public shun them. I met your was in trouble. It appears that he is very British Lion. His second name was given him on account of his having been shorn until he faintly resembled that fabulous creature, He was jubilant; he had never before met booked at \$123, \$125, and \$126. Humphreys! a rat that hadn't chased him round the room, Estate have been dealt in at \$9} and \$9.75. and he determined to take it out of these two. | China Providents have been sold at \$91. Cotton Smutty made a furious rush at the helpless Mills. Hongkong Cottons have been placed at rats and threw them up; down came the rats on \$40. Miscellaneous. - Green Island Cements are Smutty's left eye-brow and-there they stucks | quiet with sellers at \$29. China Borneos havo The scene that ensued was a painful-one been negotiated at \$15. Hongkong Electrics Smutty ran round the room with the rats have been in stendy demand and have been and everything he touched he annexed. The sold and are wanted ar \$101. The new shares "tame one" told me that when he arrived have found buyers at \$2.10. Ropes are in the on the scene the only bit of furniture that | market at \$300. Ices after sales at \$135 have Smutty wasn't attached to was the plano, and I been done at \$140, and are now steady at \$142. that was too heavy. The naturalist, and Campbell and Moores have buyers at \$16.

Smutty's master spent several hours with a hot bath rescuing the furniture and Smulty and the rats. Now when shroffs come to call on Smutty's master he has' them shown into the bathroom where the bird-lime is kept. He is getting quite a nice collection of them.

I don't think you did well to complain of the Star Ferry Company the other day, Mr. Editor. Some people take these things too seriously. This must have been the case with the Fusilier the other day or he would never have dropped the ticket collector overboard. I don't suppose you meant to insimuate that the Ferry Company shoul I run free launches, but doubt-less, the Absent-minded Beggar in question thought otherwise and felt that a ticket collector was one of those little things that ought to be left behind him. Why don't the Ferry Company have Kipling's refrain of "pay, pay, pay 1" printed and stuck up on the launches. It would save a world of trouble and besides, ticket collectors are expensive nowadays, especially if the bell-punches are thrown over board with them.

car? I believe that it has designs upon the Colony, for it is a fearsome vehicle and strikes terror into the bravest heart. Imagine an overgrown tricycle rushing along at twelve example the artillery commander who unmiles an hour and coughing like an elephant with the croup and you have a faithful picture | midst of a party of Boers and so lost of the machine in question. It has not run them. For scouting and for attack it is Volunteers have been turned out to suppress it. | siz." Discipline and uniformity, that bugbear If this should happen, I'll back the motor car. 1 of a soldier's life, must be maintained, it will hear that when it explodes it has a much more be answered. Quite so, but discipline does not Chinaman could support himself for a lengthy effective range than the obsolete, muzzle-load- mean the stamping out of individuality, and by President Kruger to pave the way for his this disaster and that is; that the formation of exercise the troops in preparing to receive motor cars. Evidently when the War Office wanted to send General Black a cavalry regiment and | been given to the world at large, but has been he asked that the men should be mounted on so often commented upon that I will only goats he had never seen this awful engine | mention it. it is the pravery of our of 'destruction. Had he done so we should officers. Without detracting one icta of praise have had that cavalry regiment and the for their gallant behaviour. I must-point out. Colony would have been called upon to double | that in many instances a sergeant, or some motor cars in lieu of horses.

I motice that the Police have at last been supplied with overcoats. You have agitated for this for some time past Mr. Editor, and now that the new order of things has come about I suppose that some official will take all the credit to himself and claim that suggestion as his own. However, the police themselves know who they have to thank and I have reard several of them remark that they look upon the paper as a benefactor. By the way, I sun i want of a new suit for the races. Couldn't you suggest that the Government supplied it?

[Have no doubt the Gaol Authorities will oblige you, in time !- Ed.] GLEANER.

#### QUARANTINE IN NETHERLANDS INDIA.

The Consul-General for the Netherlands informs us that, the Governor General of Netherlands India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong and Canton or having called at these parts are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of ten days from the date of departure from these ports or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, clays and hoofs animal or human hair and bristles, hides, which are untanned and which are salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rags, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from Hongkong and Canton or

transhipped at these parts. Also it ts temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong and Canton into Netherlands-India. tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

#### HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

HONGKONG, Friday, January 26th. Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, in their

weekly share report, state :--Enquiry for most stocks has been more or less general during the week, and the market closes firm at quotations with a tendency to rise. The Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, has given notice that its Ninefeenth Annual Meeting will be held on the 7th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 28th instant to the 7th proximo, both days inclusive. The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has advertised its Ordinary Half Yearly Meeting for the 17th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 3rd to 17th proximo, inclusive. The Star Ferry Company, Limited, has notified that Fully Paid Up Scrip are now ready, and shareholders are requested to send in their certificates to the Secretary to be exchanged for the same. Banks .- Hongkong and Shanghai Banks are quiet with only small sales at 340 and 339 per cent. premium. The London quotation is £60. Nationals are steady at \$26. Marine Insurances. - Unions can be placed at China Traders are obtainable at \$57 North Chinas have been fixed at Tls. 180. Fire Insurances. - Hongkong Fires have been sold and are wanted at \$335. China Fires are firm with buyers at \$88. Shipping.—Hongkong. Canton and Macao Steamboats have been done to a fair extent at \$31 and close with further buyers. Indo Chinas after sales at \$89 are offering at the rate. China and Manilas have buyers at \$85. Douglas Steamships are obtainable at \$51. China Mutuals are enquired for at quotations. 'Shell' Transports have been negotiated at £250. Refineries .- China Sugars are steady at \$115. Mining .- Punjoms sold at \$5% but are again firmer with buyers at \$5.80. Queen Mines have been done to a considerable extent at 273 and 30 cents. Jelebus have advanced from \$12} to with 'sales at intermediate rates tame naturalist the other day and, as usual he | and close with further enquiries; at the latter. Raubs have been bought at \$62. friendly with a-well, he calls it a chow dog- Docks, Wharves, and Godowns,-Hongkong named Smutty, and otherwise known as the and Whampon Docks have changed hands at 535 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares have been fixed at \$85, \$841 and \$84. Lands, Hotels and Buildings .- Hongkong Lands have looked in fact like the heraldic men. been in strong request and sales have been Well, Smutty's master was troubled with effected at \$1133 and \$1141 ex the dividend of rats (no, not pink ones Mr. Editor), and he \$31 paid on the 25th instant. West Points have procured some bird lime, and put it down near again improved their position and have been the rat-holes. The rats (a couple of them) taken off the market at 137, \$38, and \$39, ex the came, they saw, and they stuck to the bird hime- dividend of \$1.15" paid yesterday. Hongkong and to each other. Then Smutty was called in: Hotels have been in fair demand and have been

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR, -It may be of some interest at this stage of the war to read an old soldier's opinion on the lessons that may be learnt from it, both from our successes and from our disasters. Taking the latter first and the one that is freshest in the minds of your readers, Lord Methuen's, I think I am safe in saying this disaster was principally caused by advancing in close formation, quarter column, the closest formation extant. Why was this formation adopted? I cannot say

for certain; I can only suggest one, the one which

to me seems most probable and from which a useful lesson can be learnt !! le was a night attack and Lord Methuen counted too much on his men as machines; incapable of acting individual ly and so under the necessity of being in close touch with the officers. There is great liklihood of this being the reason of this formation being chosen, as I, an old soldier, can con-By the way, have you seen the new motor | fidently state that military trianing as at present carried on ignores the man and makes him into an integral part of a machine. This baneful influence permeates all ranks; take for consciously landed his guns right into the amok down Queen's Road yet, but I shall not be essential that each individual soldier must surprised to hear that it has done so and that the be capable of acting on his own "two foot ing guns with which our citizen soldiers are it is as well to make the men uniform to the armed and that Lyddite is nowhere compared highest standard instead of a mediocre one, with it. Can it be that it has been sent here There is one other lesson to be learnt from invasion of Hongkong? The General had better | attack is not every thing, it mostly depends on the men themselves.

One remarkably pleasant object lesson has ils Military Contribution in order to provide other non-com, when his officer has fallen, has taken the lead equally as bravely and effectively. These men have risen above the dull routime of military life and shown themselves capable of individuality. They were not picked men.

I have said enough on this subject and pass on to another equally as important. Long range volleys and the bayonet. I think I can safe say every success we have had has been at the point of the bayonet. How can it be otherwise? The Boers have every advantage, their rifles are equal, if not superior, to ours, they are adepts at taking cover, they are used to the idiosyncracies of the climate and so wonderfully competent to judge distances (a branch of instruction sadly neglected in our-service) and so it stands to reason that a duel at long range must prove disastrous to our men. It is easy enough firing at a fixed target, especially when that target cannot fire back, the conditions are totally altered when you are aware a man behind another rifle is potting ut you, and if you do not hit him before he gets up to you he is going to stick you through with his bayonet. Under these conditions the aim is apt to be not quite so accurate. It is under these very conditions the Boers are fighting, and we have the great advantage that they are not armed with the bayonet. We are ! when will the army authorities understand the value of this weapon? When will the use of it be efficiently taught to the rank and file? These are questions, the importance, of which is shown by the lessons derived from this war.

I have, Sir, been on field days, and when we have arrived at the top of a height which we were supposed to be taking from the enemy, nearly all, I might say almost say all, of us were so fagged out and breathless that for practical fighting we should have been useless, especially against men who had been lying down, defendidg the place with their rifles. I am giving this instance, Sir, to show the necessity of physical drill; no, not drill, training. Marching is good and in a country were roads abound very serviccable, but the Boer war has shown us that something more than mere marching is required; climbing up almost inaccessible heights; and then being able to fight the enemy. This is practiced in the service. Major General Gascoigne has recognised it and given a shield to be competed for, as a point to point competition. I do not say the officers of the regi ment have not, but have they thoroughly supported the General in this direction? Has this race become confined to cliques or is every man compelled to train for it is. Sport, is the best training for a soldier, and ought to be more encourage ed than it is. There is no doubt that the best physically trained soldier must conquer in the

One word more. Sir, then I will finish. The characters of the Generals have been held up to public criticism and invariably it has been shown that the most successful Generals are those who are most popular with their men. must not be thought from this, they are popular because they are the easiest with the men just the contrary is the case, they are the strictest disciplinations. but they associate, or have associated with their men and understand their individually." Take for instance Lord Roberts What has made him so popular with the soldier?' Because he understands him; and i I had time and space I could give many in stances where the Soldier's "Bob," has shown that he has recognised merit in the lowest ranks. Sir Charles Warren, Sir Hector Mc-Donald and Sir Redvers Buller are all strict officers but all have made it their business to understand" Tommy. I can speak from personal experience, let a soldier, private though he be, make a complaint to Sir Charles Warren, and the general will see that he gets justice The general in times of peace fights. Tommy battles and in time of war, Tommy will willingly sacrifice his life for that general. With the usual apologies.

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#### THE PLAGUE.

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#### IMPERIAL DECREE.

Jaunary 20th. Ch'ung Yi is appointed Comptroller-General

Total...

of the Board of Rites. Note:-The holder of the Comptroller-Generalship of a Board is higher in rank than the President, and the post is usually held by a Grand Secretary. Ch'ung Yi, however, is not a Grand Secretary and his appointment as above is the first of the kind in the annals of the present dynasty. He was also the first and only Manchu who ever captured the great honour of Optimus or Chuangyuan of the Hanlin graduates of his year, (1865) and is a younger brother of the famous Ch'ung Hou who nearly lost his head in 1881 for allowing Russia to retain the best part of Kuldja (Chinese Turkestan) when the Treaty of Livadia was: being negotiated for the return of thet province to China. Ching Yi is a Duke of the 3rd order; father-in-law of the late Emperor Tung Chih; was President of the Board of Revenue in 1884 and was appointed: President of the Board of Civil Appointments in January 1886, which post he, however, held only a couple of months, retiring from public life in March of the same year, constrained thereto by differences. hetween himself and the Empress Downger. His return now to public life in such an unusual way through the same instrumentality, is significant and indicates a desire on the Empress Dowager's part to pacify Chung Yi and the large section of moderate Manchus of which he is the acknowledged head, who have hitherto maintained a reserve and abstinence from the politics of the present day, and, therefore, have become an object of suspicion to the very suspicious Empress Downger - Translator .- N. C. D. News.

#### STATE RAILWAYS IN JAPAN. We presume that the question of the state

acquisition of private railways will be again brought before the Diet this session. That advocates of the measure are not likely to let the matter rest, since, by the action of the House last session, the Representatives, at all events, stand pledged to the principle of State ownership. It is not easy to perceive the nessessity for such a step, except on the single ground that it would be a method of freeing large sums of fixed capital. That the Japanese were destined to find themselves inconvenienced, sooner or later, by the steps they inaugurated some years ago in the matter of railway construction every thoughtful person must have foreseen. They nevertheless chose the wise course, since the question lay between not having milways at all and having them on terms more or less embarrasing. Cheap foreign capital - would have been the convenient alternative, but cheap foreign capital was not procurable, and so there was really no room for choice. It it is now found necessary to restore to circulation a part or the whole of the capital thus fixed. State purchase may be advisable. But the strategical reasons advanced in support of the scheme do not appear to possess much value. Japan has no more occasion than England has to trouble herself about strategical railways. We observe that the Nichi Nichi Shimbun strongly advocates a speedy decision, its argument in favour of expedition being that the railway companies, anticipating the transfer of their roads to the State, are deliberately neglecting all repairs, and thus, when the Government takes over the lines, it will find itself committed to a heavy initial outlay for the purpose of getting them, into order, Each month of uncertainty that passes evidently increases the difficulty on that account. We do not doubt that the facts are as the Nicht Nichi represents them, but surely the Government, in taking over the railways, would have due regard to their condition? It seems to us that the danger foreseen by our contemporary could be obviated by the common-place precaution of examining the object of purchase before fixing the price.- Japan Mail.

#### A FREAK OF NATURE AT SAIGON.

Our Saigon correspondent writes :- On the 23rd ulto, an Anamite woman of Saigon gave birth to a most extraordinary freak of nature. resembling the famous Siamese twins, or perhaps it would be more correct to say, recently, the well-know Nightingale Twins of some tiventy years since. The child has the whole upper part of the body in duplicate, two heads and four arms; but from the waist downwards everything appears mixed. There are three. legs, one of which has ten toes, the other two being quite normal.

The mother is a very poor woman, inhabiting a wretched but half a mile from the lown, but she has suddenly become famous. Long lines of carriages and back gharries fill the road, and there is a continuous steam of visitors, European and native, so that the neighbourhood has the appearance of a fair, with food and sweet stalls run up for the occasion,

At the time of my visit, the principal medical officer of the Colony was there, and made a thorough examination of the child. It is of both sexes, and appears to be exceptionally healthy and well-formed, and for an Anamite baby even is handsome. There are two hearts and a double pair of lungs, and when the doctor gave it a smart smack, one of the heads yelled lustily. The faces are about a foot aparta; and slightly inclined towards each other, and look so natural that when the lower portion of the body is covered, they resemble exactly an ordinary pair of twins.

The father appears somewhat ashamed of the business, and it was a first intended to: let the child, die. but I hear, that M. D-, a Frenchman, has purchased the monstrosity and intends exhibiting it at the approaching Paris exhibi-

The birth of the child, or the children rather, must have been a very difficult business, and I hear that the native midwife was so astonished. that she ran out of the hut, saying that the devil had appeared within .- S. F. Press.

#### FOR THE MALAY.

What seems a very laudable scheme for the improvement of the Malay, is now under weight. at Kunla Lumpor, where 2211 acress have been trapart for a Malay Agricultural Settlement. Further subscriptions; will be ; thankfully . The Settlement is to be under the control of a Board of Management, and any Malay a buildn a year may bo collected and tithes of produce, but otherwise there (third subscription) - 1285.97 is to be no payment. The holding is to be. fenred and cultivated, and must be vacated on three months notice. Malays only me to live on it and children are to be sent to school. Anoccupant who has improved his land shall be allowed to transfer it; with the satiction of the Board of Management, who have power to turn out any undesirable character after due enquiry

Total .... \$75,000 02 and confirmation by the Resident ... S. F. Fress.

#### DROUGHT IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, January 6th. The want of rain in the Bombay and Madras Presidencies, in the Central Provinces, Central India, and the Punjab is becoming a very serious matter, as not only have last season's The continued absence of rain must be the acres out of cultivation, and in consequence and the crops look well, but in those areas where agriculturists depend entirely upon the rainfall the ground is unfit for the reception of seed. The distress is becoming more widespread and intensified, and in addition to the scarcity of food there is much shortness of water, the supply of which must decrease if the absence of rain continues. It is gratifying to note that in Bengal and North-Western Provinces the prospect of the spring crops are generally good, while cattle are in normal condition. A similar state of things prevails in Burnin, and in Assam there is little or no cause for complaint. There were 330,466 persons on relief in the Bombay Presidency for the week ending Christmas day. Not a drop of rain is recorded, but the sowing of crops is in progress in Ratnagiri and Baroda and in irrigated lands in Ahmedabad. Cattle nre dying in hundreds in the northern part of the Presidency, and in other parts they are overworked and very emaciated. The prospects in the Punjab in the areas without irrigation is blank, and rain is needed all over the province. We'l-water is running short, and even in the steamers the flow is decreasing. The total on the relief is 110,604, and the Central Provinces 1,026,232 persons are in receipt of relief, an increase of nearly 150,000 during the week. The water-supply is diminishing almost throughout the province. The condition of the land has thrown thousands out of employment and general distress continues to spread. There are 103 public works department relief camps, and the extension of relief measures continues. Although the distress is not general in Central India the standing crops and pasturage are of a meagre description, and prices are rising. In Rajputana cattle are dying, and many are killed to provide fond .- Bombay Rudget.

#### THE KHAKI-KOLQURED KITTEN.

Whe the first (Howitzer Battery of the Royal Field Artillery embarked at Liverpool for South Africa the men took with them a regimental klinki-coloured kitten.-Daily Paper,

There are troopships out at Cape Town, There are troopships on the sea, There's an Army Corps a landin', Just as fit as fit can be. They are brave and noble fellows. But the one to show the way. Is the khaki-koloured kitten. Of the R.F.A.

For within her velvet paws, She has bayonets for claws. And her swearing will demoralise the foe; Yes, the Boers will quickly pack up When she gets her dittle back up, And the khaki-koloured litten's on the go.

You may talk of Redvers Buller, He's a gallant man and true, And he'll give the Boer-commander. Just as much as he can do. But you will not see the finish Till old Joubert tries to play With the khaki-keloured kitten Of the R.F.A.

Chorus,-For within her velvet paws, &c. She's a darlin' and a daisy, And she knows what she's about. She will soon reduce the burghers To a state of hopeless rout. They will fly white flags in carnest, And for mercy they will pray, From the khaki-koloured kitten . **'O**f the R.F.A.'

Chorus.-For within her 'velvet paws, &c.

#### THE RIGHT OF SEARCH.

(Saturday Review.) The Government has recently intimated to foreign nations that a state of war exists between ourselves and the Bore republics. That it was wise so to recognise them cannot be be doubted. While there is now no necessity for belligerents formally to notify to each other that a state of war exists, it has long been the custom to notify the fact to neutrals. Primarily it is a matter of international courtesy, and it is as obligatory as such an act can be. As a necessary consequence of this intimation the right of search belongs to us—a fact which is of especial importance just now. The ocean belongs to all mankind and can be used by all. Consequently mercantile ships, when out of the territorial limits of particular States, are subject to the jurisdiction of their own. For a foreign man-of-war, therefore, to invade such a ship in peace time is a trespass. Thus the right to do so on the high seas-whatever the ship, destination or eargo:may be is clearly anexception to the general right of independence and property which a State possesses.

The right of search is an incident of war; and, as such, cannot of course be exercised but by the lawfully commissioned cruisers of a belligerent. It does not extend to men-of-war, and it is matter of controversy whether it extend to the cases of mercantile "vessels "convoyed by their country's warships. To use force is—a pecessary complement of this right of uncertain limits; and although it is undoubtedly the duty of a neutral -ship to submit the belligerent must exercise his rights in a lawful manner, and must confine himself to such acts as are necessary for accomplishing his purpose. Hence the ship cannot be improperly detained, and the search can only be directed towards finding out what the ship is carrying. But in order to search, it may also be necessary to pursue a ship; in which case the intimation to stop is usually conveyed by the firing of a gun-called by us the affirming gun and by the French the semonce. Still to fire a gun is not obligatory. Any other intelligible signal will do, but it must be clear, In fact it must actually communicate the state of affairs to the neutral ship, or the belligerent will be responsible for any damage which may.

#### THE BUEZ CANAL.

Mr. Hermann Vezin writes to the Editor of

the Times: Your Special Corraspondent, dating from Port. Said: November 17, says :- "Just 40 years ago, in 1859, the first spadeful of sand was dug by M. de L'esseps at Port Said as the formal commeticement of the Suez Canal."

that over 300 years ago, a voung Englishman reached the mature age of 23, a tragedy, called, likened, thank Heaven, to any other of Tamburlings the Great, in the second part of which will be found, Act V. Sec. 111, these

"And here not far from Alexandra. Where the Terrene and the Red Sea meet. Being distant less than full a hundred leagues, I meant to cut a channel to them both. That men might quickly sail to India.

#### EIGHT MEN KILLED IN AN AVALANCHE.

CALCUTTA, January 2nd. New received from Srinagar states that a fatal accident occurred yesterday on the crops failed but the cultivators are unable to | telegraph route to Gilgit. The line was broken sow their fields in the hope of spring crops. | and a party set out from Minimarg to restore communition. It was in charge of Signaller means of throwing hundreds of thousands of | Scott and consisted of Lineman Rustam Khan, eight khalasis, and Mr. Scott's servant. Withthere will be a shortened supply of produce at out any warning the whole party were overthe next harvest. Where the land is capable | whelmed by an avalanche. Two dak runners, of being irrigated the sowings are complete with two postal coolies, who were 100 yards behind the party, were able to rescue Rustam Khan and two khalasis. but Mr. Scott and the rest of the men' perished. Efforts are being made to recover there bodies. .....

#### BRITISH 'BLOCKADE' OF DELAGOA BAY.

A CLOSE WATCH KEPT,

The movements of ships at Delagoa Bay have Been peculiar (says O. Futuro). Passengers not British subjects are refused permission to leave Natal for this port, no regular correspondence can be depended on, the supply of news papers has been stopped, cables take so long they are of no use, and no other means are available to find out what is going on. The seizure of supplies and the watch kept upon everything coming into harbour shows that something serious is on-the move. On Sunday there arrived one of the finest Portuguese cruisers early in the morning. It was a curious sight to view the Tintagel Castle anchored with a British warship at her bow and another at her stern. The fact of a gunboat coming in with her and escorting her to sea, after allowing bare time to land and receive passengers, shows how effectual the blockade by her Britannic Majesty's Navy has become. A Norwegian sailer, as she was getting into the Bay, was sighted and signalled by H.M.S. Widgeon. No answer being returned and no flag hoisted the gunboat fired a blank shot in the direction of the sailer. This was repeated, and, proving of no avail was followed by a real shot, which hit the rigging and caused commotion among the crew. The captain ran up the Norwegian flag and sought an explanation. He was ignorant of the war. This being -sufficient, and after the ship had been examined it was allowed to come into harbour. The Widgeon, the British watch dog of the harbour, left her moorings early on Friday, and went out to meet a ship coming in-evidently a cable ship. They met in the channel opposite the Point. After half an hour's talk between the commanders, the gunboat steamed back and the other steamed to the open seas. H. M. S. Magicienne has been in and out of the harbour several times lately without attracting attention, but she arrived on Thursday afternoon and boomed the usual salute to the port, hoisting

from the port. Why this new honour now? It is fair for Great Britain to prevent her enemy from getting ammunition and provision, but it is not right that this should be done to the detriment of a friendly Power (says the Delagoa Bay paper). It is unjust, when that Power is providing a haven for, and assisting, British subjects who have left the Transvaal. Some of our local merchants have had a harvest in supplying produce and provisions to the Transvaal Delagon Bay residents have made themselves conspicuous with the landing of amunitions of war for Pretoria, and are still anxious to serve the Transvaal on every opportunity. As there was a danger of this port becoming a depot for foodstuffs for Boer armies, we could not express astonishment at the British having their warships about these waters. But to blockade the port so as to interfere with the existence of the people in the town is another side of the question. It is easy to arrange with this Government that no supplies for the Transvaal shall be sent on. Prices of meat, groceries, and bread are on the upward grade. The officials are desirous of acting in concert with Great Britain's representatives in everything that is fair, but they do not want their own people deprived of the necessaries of life. The war has seriously affected business in Lourenzo Marques.

the Portuguese flag. The salute was returned

#### THROUGH YANKEE GLASSES.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR AS AN AMERICAN COUSIN SEES IT.

DE AAR, November 6th. In a previous letter I described briefly the extreme youth of this most important point in the millitary programme of the war and its amazing growth. I showed that what was desert ground, harboring a few sheep, less than five weeks ago, is now the seat of five camps 'surrounding half a million of pounds' worth of stores. The letter was finished three days ago, but since then three more camps have been added, and Her Majesty's property here is now worth about a million of pounds. This gives the reader some idea of how what we call the "advanced base" of the greatest army England has ever had in the field is growing. How it will spread, how it will look, what-will-be-its-insurable-value, inside-of-threeweeks, when tens of thousands of troops are here, the mind hesitates to picture, even to

A week ago I used to hear casual remarks by officers to the effect that artillery were needed here, and that perfect protection required mounted infantry. Such comments were so often made that when the value of the stores was estimated at haif a million of pounds, I took the trouble to inquire exactly what protection the camp enjoyed. I found that of regular troops there, were none but the 2nd Battalion (Col. Barter's) King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, numbering about 800 men.

THERE WERE TWO GUNS -one a muzzle-loader and one a Hotchkisswhich were intended for Kimberley, but were stopped here because Kimberley was cut off from communication. To be sure there were the men of the Army Service Corps and of the Royal Engineer's, 125 more combatants, or less than 1,000 fighting men, with two guns. In other words, until four days ago, 1,000 men here were under sentence of death or ignominious surrender whenever the Boers should have

chosen to deliver judgment. Fancy a capital "O" split at the top and bottom. Fancy the letter made by hills and the space between a wide, long, level tract of sage-brush and sand, with the Cape lying at the further end of hundreds of miles of desert. Fancy the Orange River sixty miles away with 2,500 men holding the bridge over it, and a battalion of 1,000 men split up into five bodies of troops isolated at as many points—all, except the force at the Orange River, inviting certain destruction: Remember, too, that not only the: Boers of the Free State and the Transvanl were to be feared, for we are in an enemy's country, It may interest him and your readers to know to all intents and purposes. This is the Cape hat over 100 years ago, a young Englishman, Colony of Great Britain, but it is, in the spirit called Kit Marlowe, wrote, before he had of the majority of its inhabitants, not to be

> HER MAJESTY'S COLONIES. Were the hills around De Aar held by our troops and fortified? The faithest ones -to the eastward-were. The nearer ones, dominated by a magnificent elevation from which shot could have been fired into this camp from mediaeval guns of wood, were left to whosoever sang, from Manila, reports :- Strong N.E. monshould choose to take and fortify them. This, soon, high sea, cloudy throughout,

then, was the predicament of De Aar from the beginning of the Boer rebellion until last week. As every man here has daily expected attack, as no one but the Omnipotent Ruler of all destinies can conceive why the attack has not been made, and as the force is at present making up for lost time by incessant activity towards self defence, this moderate statement of the facts may yet prove of acute interest to the English at home, to whom, as I have explained to you, I am told I may telegraph only the news of the weather and the health of the camp.

As this account of the camp deals wholly with the past there can be no harm in sending it to those at home, who are more interested in the subject than the enemy, who have unquestionably followed every step in the development of this post by means of their friends in the neighbourhood. Within the last few days the situation has slightly improved. General Sir Redvers Buller's arrival at Capetown was followed by the abandonment of Colesburg and Naauwpoort, two of the many villages in which small forces had been kept at the mercy of the Boers. The concentration of these troops at this point immediately succeeded their abandonment, and

WE GAINED A DATTERY and a half (nine guns of the latest pattern) and 400 men of the Berkshire Regiment. Major-General Wood, of the Engineers, arrived about the same time, and instantly the commanding hills to the west and closely overlooking the camp bristled with men digging entrenchments and erecting defences for rifle fire and guns. These changes have distinctly improved the feeling of the brave fellows who are entrusted with the care and accumulation of the stores for the many regiments which are to come, and which are to advance from here for the prompt settlement of this war. We are now 2,000 strong in combatant force, and have something like a dozen guns, with the hills fortified and manned by day and night. We have redoubts of earth, of forage, and of biscuit boxes, as well as many trenches on the level ground between the hills. We can sleep with the consciousness that we are able to make a stiff opposition to the enemy, though we still need mounted infantry. ? If we had such a force-and 3,000 more fighting men, we might have the sweeter assurance of not being compelled to suffer very great slaughter of submit to the necessity of surrendering these stores, which would prolong the war against us for weeks were they to fall into the enemy's hands. But we are thankful for many things, among them being the knowledge that the precarious past is passed, that the Boers have inissed their best chance, and that we shall give a good account of ourselves when those who are now hovering near us shall call us into

We have had another change here simultaneously with the improvement of our defences -we have been put

' UNDER MARTIAL LAW. What this form of government entails may not be understood at home, therefore I have made a copy of the regulations now posted up at the station and the postoffice:

1. Martial law has been proclaimed in De Aar. The following camp regulations will come into immediate operation: 2. No person is allowed to remain in or to

quit De Aar without a permit signed by the magistrate, and countersigned by the camp commandant. 3. The permits for railway officials (this is a railway centre) will be signed and issued by

the heads of the traffic, locomotive and engineering departments; postal officials by the head of that department. 4. Any person found selling intoxicating liquor to a soldier or to a native or coloured

person will be immediately apprehended and the whole of his goods seized. 5. The sale of intoxicating liquor to others can only take place between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.in. This includes the sale of liquor

to persons staying in any hotel or boardinghouse in De Aar. 6. Every person keeping house or a boardinghouse, or any one receiving into his private

house any person to stay for one night or more, is required to obtain the permission of the camp commandant before doing so. 7. No person other than railway and postal officials will be allowed, without a special pass,

out of their houses after half-past 9 p.m. 8. Any person infringing these regulations will be dealt with by martial law. general commanding, so that this very necess-

This i roclamation is ordered by the majorary change tending to exclude Boer sympathisers from the camp also dates from the arrival of General Buller and the instalment here of Major-General Wood.

JULIAN RALPH in Victoria Times.

### TRADE OPENINGS IN JAPAN.

The following notes regarding trade opportunities in Japan are taken from the Canadian Manufacturer: --- With the rapid introduction of all classes of general machinery, there is a very large demand for leather and rubber belting, which demand is likely to increase year by year as factories are established. There are no guita-percha or rubber goods, manufactured in the country. Steam boilers are being imported in considerable quantities from England, and Chinese New Year. the demand will continue, as there is a strong desire on the part of the Japanese to establish manufactories of various kinds throughout the country. The demand is especially for multitubular boilers. There are great possibilities for the sale of electrical apparatus, as there is sure to be a great development in the near future. There is only one electric road in Japan, at Kyoto. The use of dynamos, motors, and other classes of electrical machinery will certainly increase very rapidly. New electric roads in the leading trade centres are projected. There is a capital opening for lathes, drilling machines, steam hammers, planers, punches, tapping machines, and all such lines. The sale of these will be extensive during the next few years. To insure success such lines require to be handled by a specialist.

#### FRENCH INDO-CHINA.

France at Shanghai, states that, in 1899, Tong-King exported to Shanghai, 22,000 tons of coal, | 5.30 p.m. 'A' 'B' C' Company Drill at East about the quantity produced by the Australian coalfields. The report adds that it is satisfac- 5.30 p.m.- 'D''I' Company Drill. tory to note that Tong King coal has begun to | 6 p.m. - E' Engineer Company Drill at Headfind an outlet at Shanghai. The Kebao mine alone has produced an amount equal to the total importation of the colony. Its, quality is stated to be appreciated by manufacturers, and, above all, for firing. The coal of Imagenay is becoming exhausted, it appears, and istconsequently in less demand, and will compete in the market with that of Kebao with some difficulty. However, the briquettes made from " Japanese dust," with " Honghai," have given very fair results in those industries where they have been tried. If more regular and more frequent means of transport connected French Indo-China with Shanghai, Tong-King coal would take a still more advantageous postion

#### SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain P. H. Rolfe, of the steamship Yuen.

### NOTANDA

CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on fifteen years

observations to 1898. Birometer ......30.159 Thermometer ......59.7 Humidity.....74 TO-DAY. WEATHER REPORT: On date at On date at

Humidity ..... 67 Saturday, 27th January, 1900. Chinese-27th of 12th moon of 25th year of Knoang-sii. Sun-Rises ..... 6hr. 43min. Sets ..... 5hr. 43min.

Barometer............ 30.31

Temperature ...... 57

Moon-Max. Dec. S. 6hr. p.m. No Interior high nor low-water. High water-Morning ...... 5hr. 17min. Afternoon ..... none Low water-Morning ...... ohr. 48min. Afternoon .....none

1847-The Corn and Navigation Laws sus-1859 - William II. (German Emperor) born. 1875-Establishment of Amoy Chamber of

Commerce. — Japan, Konigsberg, 23rd January—Ken-1883—British steamer Carisbrooke burned and more, Melpomene, Elizabeth Rickers. scuttled in Hongkong harbour.

TO-MORROW. Sunday, 28th January, 1900. Chinese-28th of 12th moon of 25th year of Krwang-sil. Sun-Rises ..... 6hr. 43min. Set ..... 5hr. 43min. High water-Morning . A .... Shr. 18min. Afternoon ..... bhr. ibmin. Low water-Morning ...... thr. 30min. Afternoon ..... Tihr. omin. ANNIVERSARIES.

1725--Peter the Great died. 1846—Battle of Aliwal Sikh loss 6,000. 1864-Piratical attack on the Danish brig WARREN, American transport, 2,925, Hart, Chice, near Hongkong. 1871-Surrender of Paris after a siege of 131

1878—The 74th Highlanders arrived in Hongkong to relieve the 28th Regiment.

#### AGENDA.

TO-DAY.

8.45 p.m.-Meeting of members of Institute of Engineers and Ship-Builders of Hongkong to hear report and statement of accounts, at their rooms. g p.m .- Concert in aid of the "Missus and . Kids" Fund at Victoria Recreation

TO-MORROW.

CHURCH SERVICES. St. John's Cathedral: Communion, 7 a.m., Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5.45 p.m. Roman Catholic Cathedral: - Mass at 6 a.m., . 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction,

Union Church :- Services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai: - Mass (Chin.) 6 a.m., (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Benediction,

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road :- Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.:

St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:-Mass, Wesleyan Methodist Church: - Services, 10.30

a.m. and 5.45 p.m. St. Peter's Scamen's Church :-- 11 a.m. and N. P. II. A. steamer Wittenberg leaves for Havre and Hamburg.

MONDAY, 29th. 3 p.m.—I. C. S. N. steamer Yuensang leaves for Manila. 3, 3.15 and 3.30 p.m.—Auction sales of Crown

lands at P.W.D. Offices, 4.30 p.m. — Football — H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. 5.15 p.m .- Lecture in City Hall.

8.30 for 9 p.m.— Regular meeting of the Eothen Mark Lodge. Shell Line steamer Courie leaves for Rotterdam and London.

H.K.Y.C. ORDERS. 4 p.m. -Gun Drill at Head-quarters.

TUESDAY, 30th. S.S. Tucoma leaves for Victoria B.C. H.K.V.C. ORDERS:

5.30 p.m.-Signalling at Head-quarters. 4-5.30 p.m.--Revolve Practice at the Revolver 4.30 p.m. - Range Finding Class.

5--6 p.m.- Band Practice for unenrolled Drummers. 6--7 p.m.—Band Practice:

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10 a.m. 2 pm.—Volunteer firing from North

Point Battery. 4.30 p.m.—Football H.K.F.C. (A) v. H.M.S's Fame and Whiting. H.K.Y.C. ORDERS.

5.30 p.m.—Trumpeter's Class at Head-quarters. 10 a.m.—Parade at Head-quarters, and Commandant's Parade.

THURSDAY, 15t. S. T. steamer Queen Eleanor leaves for New

Cargo ex Oldenburg subject to rent. 3 p.m.-67th Ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at. 18, Bank

Buildings. 3.30 p.m.-Base Ball-By American Nava Officers, in aid of the South African Fund, Happy Valley. H.K.V.C. ORDERS.

4.30 p.m.—Range Finding Class. The report of the French Consul-General for 5.30 p.m - F' B' Company Drill at Head-

Point.

#### SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE. French (Laos) to-morrow. English (Chilsan) 30th inst. American (Gaelic) 3rd prox. American (Hongkong Maru) 13th prox. American. (Algoa) 20th prox.

The steamer St. Jerome from Japan and China arrived at New York on the 26th instant. The Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s R.M.S.

Empress of China left Yokohama yesterday (Friday) afternoon for Victoria and Vancouver. The N. Y. K.'s steamer Idsumi Maru (American Line) left Kobe, via Moji, for this

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port on the 26th inst., and is expected to arrive | L. W. Burskett. here on the 12th February.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS. Isla de Cuba...... at Kowloon Isla de Luzon ....... ,, H.I.G.M.S. Hertha ... U.S.S. Monadnoch ... U.S.S. Iris ...... U.S.S. Baltimore ... " H.M.S. Tweed ...... Kiangtung ...... Hailan ..... ,, Tacoma..... D. Juan d'Austria ... , Cosmopolitan 

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Outward — 30th December — Asturia,

Renvenue, St. Jerome, Indus, Dart, Lootakken,
Lynrowan, Olysaph. 2nd January—Ceylon,

December — Asturia,

We would direct the attention of shipping firms to the atyle in which "Steamers Expected" and "Projected Sailings" are now published in these columns, and in so doing respectfully urge the managers of shipping firms to the first clerks to furnish this office, on the forms already supplied gratis with the latest available information every day. Braemar, Emma Luykin, Oldenburg, Sanuki Maru, St. Andrews. 5th January - Laos, Nestor, Teenkai, Erzherzog, Ferdinana, Denbighshire, Ormazan. 9th January -- Glenturret, Tuskar, 12th January-Leion, Calchas; Sado Marn. 16th January-Bayern, Idomeneus, Hakatamaru, Nurnberg, 19th January -Eidsvald, Candia, Oopack, Prinz Heinrick, Sydney, Andantico. 23rd January - Orestes. Homoward-12th Jan .- Andalusia, Savoia, 16th January-Varra, Suevia. 19th January

### Shipping.

Arrivals. CEYLON, British steamer, 2,037, C. L. Daniel, 26tth Jang-London 16th Dec., and Singapore 21st Jan., General.-P. & O. S. N.

HUE, French steamer, 704, P. Merlees, 26th Jan.,-Haiphong and Hoihow 25th Jan., Rice.-A. R. Marty.

YUENSANG, British steamer, 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, R.N.R., 27th Jan., - Manila 24th January,

--- General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co. 27th Jan.,-Manila 24th January. LIENSHING, British steamer, 1,145, F. A. Pinkes, 27th Jan.,-Cantan 26th Jan.,

General.-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

HERMES, Norwegian steamer, 849, J. C. Jensen, 27th Jan.,-Hongay 24th Jan., Coals.-Jardine, Matheson & Co. CALEDONIEN, French steamer, 2,089, Bonlard, 27th Jan.,—Shanghai 24th Jan.; Mails and

General .-- Messageries Maritimes. CHINA, German steamer, 1,275, E. Schipper, 27th Jan.,-Saigon 22nd Jan., Rice.-Siemssen & Co. MUKDEN, Russian steamer, 889, John Ellis.

27th Jan,-Chefoo and Port Arthur 23rd Jan., General.—Siemssen & Co. KWANGSI, British steamer, 1,240, A. Harris, 27th Jan,-Canton 27th Jan., General.-Butterfield & Swire.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Lienshing, British str., for Swatow Kreangsi, British str., for Shanghai. Hblstein, German str., for Saigon. Kinshiu Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai. Sarpedon, Britishestra for Shanghai. Eastern, British str., for Port Darwin. Kong Beng, British str., for Saigon. Kavai Lum, British steam-launch, for Macac. Hue, French str. for Haiphong. American Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai. Saikong, British str., for Samsui. Wittenberg, German str., for Singapore. Hailoong, British str., for Swatow. Kiangtung, Chinese steam-launch, for Canton Decima, German str., for Saigon.

Chelydra, British str., for Singapore. Kavangping, Chinese str., for Shanghai. Pak Kong, British str., for Canton.

Departures. Jan. 27, Bombay, British str., for Singapore. Jan. 27, Nanchang, British str., for Manila. Jan. 27, Paoling, British str., for Moji.

Jan. 27, Kashing, British str., for Moji. Jan. 27, America Mara, Japanese str., for San Jan. 27, Chelydra, British str., for Calcutta.

Jan. 27, Tientsin, British str., for Saigon. Jan. 27, Kwangping, Chinese set., for Canton. Jan. 27, Eastern, British str., for Australian

Jan. 27, Kinshiu Maru, Japanese str., for Seattle, (U.S.A.)

Passengers-Arrived.

Per-IVarren, from Manila-General Wheeler and 7 others. Per I uensang, from Manila-Messrs. Ellan, Glissman, Hennerberger, Burdon, Sibbey,

Johnson Wright, and 27 Chinese. Per Ceylon, from London for Hongkong-Mr. D. M. Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Norton Kyshe. For Shanghai-Mr. F. J. Popplestone. For Yokohama-Messis, A. J. Melhuish, K. Dodds and E.W. Pettitt. From Singapore for Hongkong-Mr. F. Green.

Per Caledonien, for Hongkong from Shanghai-Mr. and Mrs. Morfield, Messrs. King | Sley, Ching, Mr. and Mrs. Rusel, Messrs. W. R. Harris, Kistermacher, Stewach, Misses Robbins (3), Euason (10), and I Chinese. From Yokohama via Woosung-Miss Roth, Messrs. Pferfer, Cones and child, and Guan Yin Tong. From Kobe via Woosung-Mr. G. H., da Costa, and Miss S. Suzuki. For Saigon from Shanghai-Mr. E. Suzuki. From Woosung-Mr. J. B. Etchery. From Yokohama-Miss Karrasaki. From Nagasaki-Mr. G. Wenderse. For Singapore from Shanghai—Mrs. Coustom and child. From Kobe-Mr. Oyama. From -Nagasaki-Mr.-Watanaka.-From-Shanghai for Port Said-Mrs. Mesha (2). For Marseilles Prince Ye Min, Messrs. Saltarel, Debru, Kindblad, Sheaver, and 3 Chinese. From Yokohama -Mr. and Mrs. C. Aiki, Messrs, Takahashi, Nakagawa, Y. Kakamura, C. Ohortu, Jisaburo Takit, T. Yamada, H. Tanaka, H. Takahama and Taginuti. For Port Said from Shanghai-Messrs. Condrevaty, Smorygson, and Mrs. Angelmi. From Kobe-Mr. and Mrs. Delbourgo, and Mr. Murakami. From Nagasaki—Mr. and Mrs. Bæsch.

Per Mukden, from Chefoo, &c .- 2 Europeans, and 16 Chinese,

Per Esmeralda, for Manila-Miss A. Cumer. Dr. and Mrs. Ottofz and son, Messrs: Conlez, F. H. Smith, H. W. New Hall, Jacob Weidmann and G. Seelez.

Per Chelydra, for Singapore-Mr. Windsor.

Per Eastern, for Sydney-Mrs. A. W. Best,

Messrs. W. If. Mitchell and R. F. Colborne. Per America Maru, for Shanghai-Messrs. Douglas-Jones, Y. Hayakawa, -K. Ota, and t Japanese. For Nagasaki-Mr. M. J. Marsh. For Kobe-Messrs. K. Ito, Tomono, A. F. Gardiner, and Mr. and Mrs. Hatabu. For Yokohama-Messrs: F. de Villahermosa, E. Ralpho, and I Japanese. For San Francisco-Messrs, Jas. Craw, Richard Pitrot and F. Greene. For New York-Messrs. Grafflin The old doctor was right in what he said to the Cash, J. H. Mahoney, Rev. and Mrs. S. A. woman about her daughter, The girl couldn't help. port on the 26th inst. and is expected to arrive | Perrine, Miss Linden Perrine, and Dr. D. H. the neglect of her ancestors, but we can do comething Morgani For London-Count Rossi Mariting towards taking care of ourselves - Advi. 

The N. Y. K.'s steamer Hiroshima Maru | Dr. A. Gorni, Mr. R. C. McKerrow, Mrs. Wat-(Bombay Line) left Bombay, via ports, for this | son, and Miss Hughes. For St. Louis-Mr.

#### STEAMERS EXPECTED.

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#### STAND BACK AND THEN LOOK.

"Madam," said a wise old physician to a woman" who had brought a feeble, animic, and poorly developed daughter to him for examination. "Madam. the treatment of this girl should have been begun two hundred years ago."

"Sir," she exclaimed, "I don't understand what you mean."

"Probably not, madam," replied this student of men and of medicine, "and you wouldn't even should I try to explain it."

How do you best see a picture on the wall ! Why, by standing back and looking through your hollowed fist or through a tube, Well then, let us first road Mrs. Coombes' letter, and afterwards get a little of what painters call perspective on it and see if we can understand the lesson it teaches.

"In the spring of last year, 1895," she says," " had an attack of plourisy, which left me low and weak. Subsequently I could not get up my strength. do what I would. My appetite was poor, and after enting I had severe palus about my chest, at my side, and between my shoulders. I had muscular pains in my arms and shoulders—in fact all over me. I got little or no sleep, and felt quite worn out in the

" As time went on I got weaker and weaker and was scarcely able to get about. I came to be so low that I thought I never should be better again. I saw. a doctor and took medicines, but nothing did me any

"In December (1895) my sister, who lives at Oxford, told me of the benefit she had derived from Mother Seigel's Syrup. I got a bottle from Mr. Cooper, chemist, Oldbury Road, and after taking it found great relief. I could cat well, and food agreed

"I now gained strength, and after taking four Lettles was as well as ever and free from all pain; muscular or otherwise. I know others who have been benefited by the same medicine. You can publish this statement as you like. (Signed) Charlotte Coombes, 177, Oldbury Road, West Smethwick, Birmingham, October 8th, 1895.

That is her letter-a plain, truthful, and wellwritten letter. But what do we see behind the simple facts as she rets them down! Is there anything. suggested by that attack of plauring she speaks of ? Was that the beginning ? No. Pleuring is the name given to an inflammation of the spaces or cavities in which the lungs rest. When the inflammation attacks the lungs themselves we call it preumontar if the bronchial tubes, bronchitis; and so on. But they Tawada, Tanaka, T. Matsui, Takemara, T. are the same thing, from the same canso-namely, Hitoki, and Mrs. Koiso, From Kobe-Messrs. impure blood, When the blood is thus polluted, the smallest provocation-a slight cold-may, set up my of the above allments. Itheumatism (which Mrs." Coombes had) belongs to the same group or family of maladies.

But how comes that impurity or corruption of the blood in which these things arise? I'll tell you, in: the hope that you will remember it. - Indigestion dyspepsin, fernientation of food in the stomach, torpid liver, which leaves the bile acids in the blood, instead; of removing them, poisonous, dirt and filth from the stomach getting into the circulation-that's where the trouble comes from. So we see that in cases of pleurisy, &c., there is always what the doctors call as "history" of dyspepsia. Although this lady had keent dyspeptic symptoms after the pleurisy, a previous imperfection of her digestion—whether she realised it or not-laid the foundation for the plenrisy, the rheumatism, and all that followed:

Now that is what we see as we stand back andlook ... And this is the practical use you are to make of the knowledge: Take care of the condition of your stomach, and the first day you feel anything wrong with it, resort to Mother Heigel's Hyrup without waiting to find out whether you are going to be worse or not. When your house takes fire you don't wait to see how bad it is likely to ba ; you stop it immediate ly. Do so with indigestion?

#### Entimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS:

TN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 31st instant and 1st February, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager, Hongkong. For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

GEO, W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager. For the MERCANTILE, BANK OF INDIA,

> OHN THURBURN Manager, Hongkong.

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For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1900. INSURANCE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 31st instant and 1st February. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents, CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.

General Managers: HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. DOUGEAS JONES,

Secretary... UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD. W. H. PERCIVAL.

NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD. H. P. WADMAN, Acting Secretary, CHINA, TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.

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Agents, . YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED. GEO, L. TOMLIN,

Secretary, CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD. Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. THE STAR FERRY COMPANY,

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REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 29th instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. . Hongkong, 23rd January, 1900.

ZETLAND

LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMA-SONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 24th January, 1900.

### Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE WANCHAI GODOWNS.

WE the Undersigned have This Day been appointed AGENTS for the above Godowns, all Applications for Storage of Goods should be made to us. T. RAUCHENSTEIN & CO.,

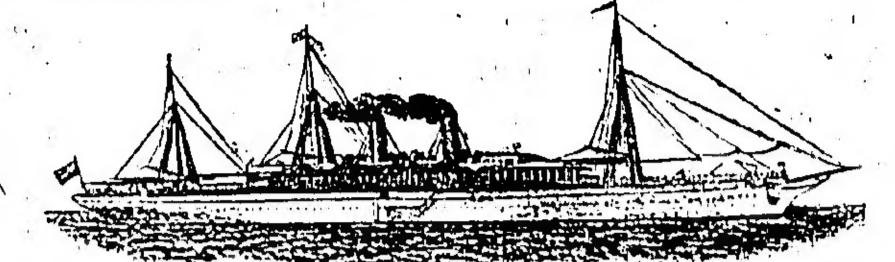
12, Beaconsfield Arcade. Hongkong, 3rd January, 1900.

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EMPRESS OF INDIA ... Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., WEDNESDAY, 14th February. For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITID, EMPRESS OF JAPAN, Counds. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ....WEDNESDAY, 14th March.

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Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

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Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS, and Honolulu, The United States, &c. Carmarthenshire | 2,929 | about Belgian King ... 3,379 | about Lady Joicey ..... | 3,406 | about | Mar. 31

THE Steamship

"CARMARTHENSHIRE," Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKO-HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about SATURDAY, the 10th February.

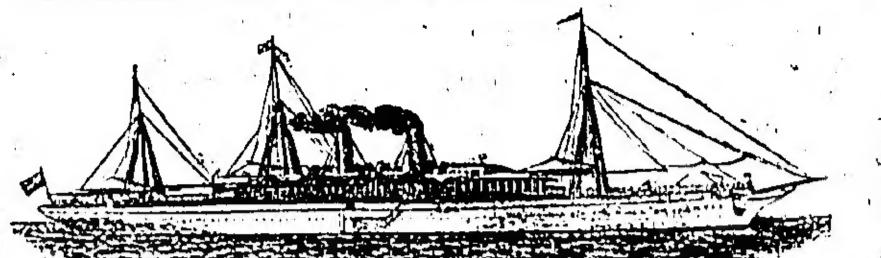
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Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,

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H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Tuesday, 13th Feb.,

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-

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Steamers of this line pass through the IN-

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For further information as to Freight or

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Special rates (First-class only) are granted

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-

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Value of all Packages are required.

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... Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.

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### (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



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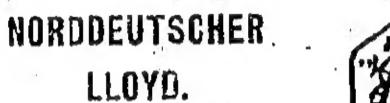
SAHANG DATES. DESTINATIONS. THE VALERS. THURSDAY, 1st Feb., at HARUM MARU ...... AMOY, SHANGHAL and KOBE..

KAGOSHIMA MARU, ..... SHOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE and FRIDAY, 2nd Feb., at HITACHI MARU ...... { MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANT. } FRIDAY, 9th Feb., at WERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, } FRIDAY, 9th Feb., at

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central. .

A. S. MIHARA. Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd January, 1900.





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TOYO KISEN KAISHA. TO SAN FRANCISCO, PLATINLAND SEN OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU,

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Naga-Thursday, 22nd Feb., saki, Kobe, Inland at Noon. Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)

NIPPON MARU (via) Shanghai, Nagasaki, Tuesday, 20th March, Kobe, Inland Sea, at Noon. Yokohama & Honolulu). AMERICA MARU (via

Saturday, stath #Vpril,

at Noon.

Yokohama & Hono-

Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, Inland Sea,

THE Steamship " HONGKONG MARU," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAL NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND -SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, on THURSDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the

United States, and Europe. Steamers of this line pass through the IN their journey at any point en route. Through Passage Tickets granted to England, Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1900.

PACIFIC WAIL STEAMSHIP CO. VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

\*Algoa(via Moji, Kobe Thursday, 1st March, and Yokohama ..... at Noon. China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- (Saturday, 3rd March land Sea, Yokohama at Noon.

and Honolulu) ..... City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Naga-Tuesday, 27th March, at Noon. Sea, Yokohama and

Honolulu) ..... (\* Taking Cargo only.)

THE U.S. Mail Chartered Steamship "ALGOA;" via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA on/or

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Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT

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4th December, 1899.

# Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 10. THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the

Offices of the Public Works Department, on MONDAY. the 29th day of January, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command, J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office,

· Hongkong, 13th January, 1900. Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Hok-Uen, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of Her

Majesty the QUEEN, for one further term of 75 years. PARTICULARS OF THE LOT. Measurements. ft. ft. ft. h. Freight and Hok-Uen. 4 2 25 15 756

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 11. THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department, on

MONDAY, the 29th day of January, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., are published for general information. By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th January, 1900. Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, at 3.15 P.M., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN

LAND, at Causeway Bay, in the Colony of

Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years, with the

option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be

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CURRENT RATES. SIEMSSEN & Co.

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THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First

EN Causeway Bay. H. H. 150 49 39,450 338 7,

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 13th January, 1900;

Insurance.

Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS at

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#### BATTLEFIELD INCIDENTS AND SCENES.

Wily campaigning is 50 difficult.

CAPE TOWN, November 29th. Not every reader possibly at home realises the extent of the battlefield in South Africa. The fighting line is a ring of fire encircling a country as large as France. It forms threefourths of a circle, and is 1400 miles in length. Unfortunately, every acre of it is British territory. At the time I write, seven weeks after war was declared, no British soldier, with the exception of a few of gallant Haden-Powell's. braves, in their during sorties from Mafeking, has overstepped the Transvaal or Free State frontier. The historian of the future, who takes his stand on the assumption that the English Government from the very first intended to crush and annex the twin Republics, will find it awkward to explain that only two months after its own Colonies were invaded had it assembled a force equal to that of the Boers. Looking round this fence of fire you see, perpetual change and perpetual persistence. The Boers, with really wonderful skill, selecting and seizing the points best suited for their defensive tactics, and our troops, with equally marvellous coolness and bravery, carrying them one after another. The great Corsican held that you should never do what the enemy wishes, for the very good reason that he does wish it. I: Natal our troops for weeks past, and along the Western Border at this instant, the Kimberley Relief Column, have had no choice but to do what the enemy wished, which was to assault apparently impregnable fastnesses and storm steep ridges in face of withering shell and

rifle fire at short range. The victor at Ligny

could not help fighting Wellington on ground

which the never-beaten General himself chose.

Time was against the French Emperor; with

our commanders the salvation of Natal and the

rescue of Rimberley have overruled all other

considerations, and the men have shown them-

selves equal to a struggle in which all the odds

of numbers and position have been against

A FORTRESS OF NATURE.

In the march to Kimberley you have had the old story. The Boer leader De la Rey, chose at Belmont an admirable fortress of naturebroken hopjes, extending two or three miles in length, and backward in ridges for a mile or two. The from howed the steep face of the ridge. No one who has not seen an African kopje can easily realise it. It is not a hill so much as the stump of a hill, what is left of i after ages of denudation; but the special feature of it is that it is almost invariably covered with a breastwork of boulders. Tropical torrents have washed away the earth and al the soluble components of the rock, and what is left is heaps and lines, or detached masses of sandstone, ironstone, or granite. A very large part of the surface of South Africa is strewn with these blocks of all forms and sizes. On the slopes of Table Mountain are masses of granite, left by the rains of unnumbered ages, as large as a house These are the Boer fortifications, and he has any number of them. Talk of the Quadrilateral in Lombardy-why, General Joubert has, readymade to his hand, any number of Quadrilaterals, all in touch with one another. Our Grenadiers, Coldstreams, and Scots Guards, with the gallant Northumberlands, had to storm both the ridges. It cost us many noble lives, but it is marvellous that it should be possible. The brave fellows rushed, over the huge boulders, climbed the steep incline, and took the position. A competent observer who went over the ground afterwards observes that with disciplined troops the feat would have been impossible. The Boers are anding, to their cost, that they have never yet discovered a position which our men cannot take. In ordinary times the mountain deer would lose his breath ascending these kopies. For whole regiments, with unbroken front, to do it, while hundreds of crack shots above, at very short distance, are pouring a hail of lead from magazine rifles, is hardly thinkable

THE BOERS AND THE LOSS OF A POSITON. It is astounding that our death-roll was no larger. The total fatalities reported at Belmont were 51, the Granadiers losing 27, Northumberl and Fusiliers 13, Scots Guards 9, and the Coldstreams 8. Against these Lord Methuen accounts for 81 dead among the Boers, An officer familiar with South Africa fighting remarked to me :-- "The Boers will not care as we should about the loss of the position, they can find plenty more like it," which, happily, on the route to Kimberley is not the case. But in the present instance they will care for the loss of 81 men, the 64 waygons burnt, the 50,000 rounds of amunition, the 4 huge cylinders containing powder, and 750 shells. Graspan was a repetition of Belmont. There also the Boers leader had seized a line of kopjes which our men carried at the point of the bayonet. the Guards, the Naval Brigade, the Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the Loyal Lancashire Regiment specially distinguishing themselves. Our attack was resistless. It is all very well for General Joubert to write to the Berlin Press that the Boers prefer to carry on a defensive war; no other is possible. He did not know so well a month ago as he does now taken at Belmont was asked why he had not remained on the crest of the ridge until the infantry came up with the bayonet. "Allemach. tig," he replied, "do you think I was going to wait for that?" and he expressed the general sentiment.

BRITISH\_LOSSES\_AT\_GRASPAM. Everyone is discussing to-day the list of war losses at Graspan. They are in many respects remarkable. 22 killed, 7 missing, make a huge total. The most striking feature is the casualties in the Naval Brigade, and especially of the Royal Marines. This will be best understood If I place them in tabular form :--

LOSSES OF NAVAL BRIGADE. Killed, Wn'ded, Total Percentage ROYAL NAVY. force casualties.

Officers ...... 2 ... 1 .... 16 } ... 8.3 ..... 2 ...13 ... 202 ROYAL MARINES. Officers..... 2 ... 1 ... 5 Men ...... 6 ...82 ...208 5

Here you have a percentage of over 42 per cent, casulties among the Royal Marine Light

shoulder would be more often in view than carry the wounded. The Boers were strongly when worn on the breast. A colonel to whom this suggestion was made, while admitting that it night be worthy of consideration, remarked:-" That is not the real difficulty; somebody must lead and command, and the man who leads cannot avoid being conspicuous. In the new infantry attack men make short rushes. The officer gives the command; he is the first to rise, and necessarily draws the fire; you can't help it. No, the more important question is the policy of these front attacks. When your men climb precipices under heavy fire how can you escape, proportionate heavy sacrifices? The thing to be considered is, if it would not often be better to continue your shell fire for a longer period, and whether more could not be done by flank attacks? I incline to that opinion, but only the officer in command on the spot can form a judgment on that point, in any particular engagement."

BOER LOSSES-LACK OF CAVALRY.

Whatever our losses may have been, those of the Boers in killed and wounded have been vastly greater; but they have out not -been-paraded-before-the-world--It-is published in Pretoria that they had ien killed at Belmont, but Lord Methuen accounted for eighty-one. As reported to you by wire, I am told that the officer commanding telegraphed to a iriend that not a soul of the enemy would have escaped if he had possessed full quota of cavalry. This has been our want all through the war. The speed with which the Boers regain their horses and gallop off the field is a marvel. We are not less surprised at opine that the commandant; finding that he could do little or nothing against our batteries, and fearing the ugly rush that was coming, got his guns away to the rear. Once the advance is made in sufficient force, with the cavalry in proportionate strength, there will be a different tale to tell. Like the Kaffir, the Boer-never imperits his retreat, and less than ever will be run a risk with guns to protect This, I believe, is the secret of the reported retreat of General Joubert-if there be any such General, for he is persistently reported to have been killed-in Natal. The commandoes have retired from Mooi River and Estcourt, and we expect to hear presently that the whole force is again beleaguering Ladysmith-THE FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN BORDER. Supplementary to the stories of the recent

fighting on the Western Border which you

have received by telegram, I forward the

following graphic sketch by a Canadian was correspondent -- Mr. Charles Lewis Shaw, This was not his first experience of the work of home troops, for he accompanied Lord Wolseley on his Soudan expedition." The Boers at Belmont held a crescent-shaped range of kopjes known as Kafir's Kop. The advancing British force bivouncked for the night on the plain. No sound betrayed the close presence of several thousands of British troops and a body of Boers of unknown strength. In the grey dawn Lord Methuen's force was drawn up in a long thin line, in open order; the Coldstream Guards occupied the right of the line, next came the Grenadiers, then the Scots, while the line regiments, Northumbrians and Yorkshiremen, were extended to the left wing, at which was stationed the artillery. The guns were thus in face of the south-eastern horn of the semi-circle of kopjes, where the Boers had a gun posted on a peak about 150 feet above the plain. Every man was tensely alert, waiting the order, and a thrill of movement fied along the line as the first British 12-pounder emitted its sharp bark, and landed a shell close to the Boers' cannon. Then the advance began. The sky was lightening every minute, and the hexalds of the dawn were flying westward across the cloudless heavens. There In the age of women's rights it is to be hoped was another kind of lightning playing along the crest of the hills in front; in the half-light, and against the rocky back-ground, the volleys from Boer rifles looked for all the world like forked lightning dancing among the boulders. But the Britons stayed never a moment. Keeping a perfect alignment, the extended life moved forward as if parading at some review. Not a sound was heard save the " tramp, tramp? of thousands of men, the boom of the guns, and the occasional volley. It was like the steady, resistless unstayable roll-on of a huge wave against a cliff. Soon the level plain was crossed, and the ground trended upwards in a gentle slope, which later developed into an almost precipitous ascent. How the men scrambled up is a mystery; "they seemed to climb like monkeys." By this time the Boer cannon had been silenced, but the enemy's riflemen were pumping bullets down from their cyric against the oncoming force. The latter, still silent. fought their way up the declivity yard by yard they wanted no calling by their officers. It was a dogged, grim display of valour such as few troops in the world could imitate. Unfortunately, the stiffest kopje of all, on the Boer left, had not been sufficiently searched by artillery fire when our gallant men reached the foot, and what a bayonet charge is; but he is perfectly | they had actually to be halted for a while unti aware by this time that the bravest of his the shells, shricking close overhead and wonderburghers will not stay for it. A prisoner fully well delivered, had somewhat cleared the way, Here it was that we lost most heavily, forty, or fifty of our soldiers dropping close together. But at length, and really for the first time in the advance, the officer could be heard "Forward, men" was the command, and the line recommenced to climb. The enemy was pouring down a terriffic fire, but nothing could

stay the onset. TOMMY ATKINS AND THE COLD STEEL.

A few minutes, and Tommy was among th Boors with the steel for five wild and breathless minutes. Then the enemy scattered, and hopped, and ran and leaped down the north-eastern stage of the hill, making for his horses. As he skipped out of close range a score of British soldiers on the captured kopje accelerated his fight with volleys and individual shooting, an when a running man would double up all of. sudden and roll over like a shot rabbit, there was no crying on the hill-top. Numbers of the fugitives were knocked over, one or two at the long range of 3000 yards. The unwounded reached their horses and galloped away over the plain in a northerly direction, towards Modder River, Our Lancers had skirted this Infantry. Every Briton is proud of the marines. | highest kopie to the east, and when the beaten It has been said of them that they unite the enemy streamed down the slope they started hardiness of the sailor with the discipline of in pursuit, but their horses were done up; and the soldier and the bravery of both. If there, had no chance, with the fugitives. The sun is in the British Services a corps that can go rose exactly over the centre of the kopies held anywhere and do anything it is the Marines. by the Boers, and turned the whole brown veld This grand exploit at Graspan is extolled by into a soa of shimmering ruddy haze, through all who saw it, from the General downwards. which came the steady line of troops, casting On the field the men were christened, like the long shadows to the rear. The sun glare did Master Stace, his ardour somewhat cooled knight's banneret of old, Bravest of the brave," not help the men's accuracy of alm, as most by these hurdle accidents, makes the required and here, as I have told you by telegraph, that of them had to fire straight into the brilliancy, amendment, takes a deep breath, gazes very title is universally endorsed. Something is and, vice versa, it helped the Boers to a better hard at Moses in the Bulrushes on the wall, there to deplore in these heavy losses. The mark. But it was not here that our casualties and attempts the second lapquestion has been much discussed, whether, in mostly occurred; they came when the troops officers, they were not even yet too much. Next to the magnificent courage of the troops, marked out as: Boer largets, by what General should be mentioned the maryellous energy Gatacre the other day called badges and bull's and skill of the engineering corps, under Major eyes, I have put the question whether the Stewart. When the men returned from the colonel, major, captain, or lieutenant could not ridge the wrecked railway track and broken-wear his distinguishing marks behind instead down culverts had been repaired, and trains of in front the must be recognised, and as he were standing ready at Belmont Station, with Now the third verse. Use your handkerchief, Edge are road, and she ses it's all a mistike. usually leads, stripes or badges behind the supplies of water and medical comforts, to and try the third verse."

posted, and had unlimited ammunition, but they could not wait for the bayonet. If we had had a couple of regiments of cavalry with fresh horses the rout would have been a massacre.

CARRYING SECRET DISPATCHES, This war has developed an industry that is almost new to South Africa-the art of carrying secret dispatches. The ingenuity displayed has often been remarkable. My friend Mr, Bennet Burleigh devised balloons, miniature boats to float down the river, and other devices to eyade the ring of Boers at Ladysmith, plus, of course, Kaffir runners. The Kaffir is a fine scout, but he has the defect as a newsbearer, in which some journalists are not wholly free, of exaggerating and telling amiable lies, When you give him a written message, the boy does well as a rule. Reuter's Agency has had serveral of its boys captured. The Kaffir eludes the Boer pretty often, especially by his invisibility on dark nights, and next by his most artistic personation of innocent ignor-"Me no speak English; me farmer's boy; me hate English; me driver Mafeking;" and so on lisps the guileless child\_of Nature. One of these wil creatures was caught between Mafeking and Kumman. Protesting in vain, he was stripped by the Boers, but ne'er a bit of paper was found, and he was allowed to proceed. He bore an impurtant dispatch in a quill, which he carried in one of his nostrils. Another coloured emissary was mounted. The enemy examined him from head to foot, divesting him of all attire, but found nothing, the message being in hi saddle. A young Scotsman fooled the Boers the enemy's success in saving his guns. It is with charming good-nature. "Dispatches that at Belmont the Boer artillery was never | No: he wasn't going to carry dispatches. in action. The previous action when Keith- "What have you got there?" the Boer com-Falconer was killed had warned them that we mandant asked, referring to the parcel the canshould most likely capture the Krupps or my Scot carried. "Only a few sandwiches." Creuzots. On several occasions when we have | Will ye have one?" and, with the most artless "silenced the enemy's guns" there is reason to | air, the North Briton unrolled his napkin and offered the burgher some of his fare. The par pers were concealed in the napkin and in a hard-boiled egg. He got away on most friend-

A DARING DISPATCH RUNNER.

The most daring of all the dispatch runners is said to be Mr. W. Cumming, of Douglas, near to Kimberley. He has gone in and out of the beleaguered city at great risk, the Boers having, it is said, offered £300 for his capture. Rhodes, he crept a good part of thirty miles on his hands and kness so as to escape observation in a region swarming with the enemy. It is to these adventurous fellows we have owed the story of Kekewich's gallant defence. Britishers in the Transvant are, liable to be searched for I tion in the dialogue; the endeavour to conceal treacherous documents. One of these believes he was expelled to Natal because a letter was | comes near, and the old woman gives the fox found upon him describing the "Diggers' News" as "a rag." Served him right. It would be an | but unfortunate) the last retort, confuting him insult even to a dirty rag to compare it with utterly. The young drill-sergeant, not disthe "Diggers".

"LONG TOMS" SHELLS. Thave just seen a letter written by a young woman at Ladysmith to a friend in Graaf-Reinet. The writer went to the camp to procure a few splinters of one of Long Tom's shells, and she got more than one memento. She writes:--"I asked a soldier if I could go with them. He replied; 'Oh, certainly, Miss be a very good little gril.' I'll take care of ye, an' tell ye when another bloomin' shell comes along.' We were hearing the spot where the last had fallen, when our friend called, 'Look out! Here's another.' I had scarce time to see when we heard the shell flying past with a scream. I closed my eyes and graspes a wire fence with great energy. The shell burst about seven yards from us. It shook the earth, and I thought my legs were being shot all over. The first thing I saw before I closed my eyes was some men writhing on the ground and our protector flying for dear life." Miss received a severe scolding for her temerity when she reached home and found a flesh wound in the leg and "a dreadfully big hole" in the stocking. the right of facing shell fire will not be one of them .- Daily Telegraph.

#### REFORMING THE ACCENT: A Sketch.

[BY, W. PETT RIDGE.]

The regiment being a mixed one, boy recruits sit one one side of the six tiers of seats, girl recruits on the other. In front of the delighted roaring fire which faces them, with its flames rushing up to tell the outer world all about it, marches a young drill-sergeant in spotted scarlet blouse and black skirt, who endeavours to add to her twenty years by an aspect of immeasurable sternness. She has in her hand book useful for reference, useful also for giving reproof to the knuckles of the reckless and the univary. As the civilian enters, bitter, bitter criticism is being made by the drillsergeant on the clumsy effort of a shock-headed ady private to say omnibus, the recruit being in favour of omlibus, and while admitting that the word as written possesses no letter "l," is -at-the-same-time-unwilling-to-admit that-customis wrong and the dogmatic young drill-sergeant right. Mother always says omlibus, and Aunt Emma says omlibus, except when they say bus, and besides --- Silence I Children, stand up. The children, up on the instant. Would the civilian like to inspect the practice of the raw recrutis? The civilian would be glad. Children, sit down; touch elbows.

"Who," demands the drill-sergant, holding up her book for attention, "who would like to recite those verses about the horse which "ten right hands in the air-" which we learnt

last week?" Cautious review of volunteers courageous enough to attack the serried lines of poetry. 'Tommy Stace," says the drill-sergeant selecting a saucer-eyed lad, "You!" Whereupon Master Strace gallops off at a desperate rate, and is at the third line ere he realizes that the drill-sergeant is commanding him to halt. "Go more slowly, Tommy Stace. Speak each line distinctly, Tommy Stace. Let us hear each word, Tommy Stace.'

". The 'orse-" "Horse" murmurs the sergeant with emphasis on the aspirate. " The h-orse is to a man

A willing pitient friend, . He stawts---" "Starts, Tomniy Stace, starts."

" He starts at early morn Till day is at a end." "An end, if you please."

"In pleasure or in work " He's wi'lin' to a-sist, He ilnes the care and sor-ror-"Sor-row, Tommy Stace, sor-row." "He jines the care and sor row,

And sometimes he'll enlist.". "Very good, Tommy Stace, very good indeed.

comrades. They are, I think, a little hurt to hear commendation.

" And 'midst the battle's roar He-he-

".Well, Tommy Stace. What does he do

the battle's roar?' Twenty hands up from those to whom the action of the horse in battle is not the impenetrable secret that it is to Private Stace. He. finding no suggestion in the picture of the infant Moses, tries David preparing to slay Goliath as being more likely to assist a sluggisl

" And midst the battle's roar He-he's ofen--" "Often, if you please," | |

" He's often to be seen

A dyin' for his country

And Victorier our Queen." Tommy Stace sitdown with the confident face of one who had good reason to expect a medal up again, though to his astonishment, and ordered to say Victoria instead of Victories, which he does willingly, again resuming his seat, and for his success is pinched by the lad

"Now all of you stand up"—command obeyed-"and recite the little story of the Old Wo-

man and the Fox." Faces of entire detachment brighten at this: there is evidently humour to be encountered in the coming exercise. Drill-sergeant glances at her watch on the table; at half-past four to the moment the dismiss will have to be sounded, and she has no intention of breaking this rule. The children watch anxiously for the signal to start. "One day!" says the drill-

"One d'y," chants the class, "a ole

"Stop | stop | stop ! You must say one day, 'and you must say an old woman. Od-d, old." "One day an old woman, met a fox in the wood, 'Good morning, Mr, Fox,' said she. 'The sun is ligh in the evines.'" "High in the heavens."

" The sun is high in the heavens, and all the world is g'y.' 'Madam,' said the fox, 'you speak the voice of trewth." "Truth! truth:"

"Of truth," Do you, Mr. Fox, savde the old woman, 'still take a in-ter-est in farm' On one occasion, bearing a missive from Mr. | produce?' 'Well,' said the fox, blushing, 'it is a subjeck which----

reciting the questions and answers ppleasant to hobserve the way in which the troops keep time; the regular mounting and descending of inflecsatisfaction when the end of the perilous journey. (who keem's a well-meaning conversationalist, pleased with the concerted movement, accepts. the civilian's congratulations in the manner of one who deserves them. Her gaze wanders up and down the ranks searching for a promising youngster: the eyes of all eager for selection.

"Neille Wingfield!" A wild-haired infant on her feet, panting with excitement at the thought of action. "Nellie, you are going to

"Yus, teacher !" "Say yes, not yus. And are going to recite the poem called 'Up in the morning early."

" Up in the mornin' carly. Up and about with the lauk. When the Rahrs---' " Flow-ers, my dear, flow-ers,"

"When the flowers—flowers—" Nellie Wingfield, to the open delight of all of her gallant male companions, unable to find ! the word. What the flowers do is more than she is able to guess; a warning that she is to: leave her head alone deprives her apparently of the only means open to her for arousing a i dormant mind.

"Lucy Marsden, you try, !" Miss Marsden is perhaps one of the most able of all. Whilst Nellie Wingfield is endeavouring to assume the look of one who could have succeeded had she cared to do so but had refrained for good reasons of her own, Miss Marsden, her hands clasped behind her, reels off the lines with amazing ease, coming an occasional cropper, however, over the word "cows," which she prefers to pronounce as "caows," and "dalsies," to which she gives by inadvertence the Cockney rendering. Nevertheless, Miss Marsden gets to the end of the gallop with safety, and is rewarded by applause tapped gently on the book by the sergeant.

"Now, I want you children to tell me some of the mistakes that have been made this afternoon, so that I may feel sure you have recognized them. Well; Bertje Cross?" "Please, teacher, some one said fi-yer!

instead of 'fier." " Please teacher," from a hurried small girl, one of the boys said—he said draypers instead of 'dr pers.'"

"'Draypers,' my dear, is correct. You don't may, Mother, can I fetch you anything from the dryper's?' You always say, 'Mother, can I fetch anything for you from the dray-per's?" "I never say neether," mutters the small girl.

A boy rises from the end of his line with one eye on a red-headed girl and desperate decision in both, but she gives him a deadly look and he goes down as though shot. The civilian feels that he has intruded long enough, but the drill-sergeant, pointing out that it is now near to the hour of half-past four, declares there is just time for one more display in elocution. The right hands of those eager for glory and willing to take to risks go up on this announce. ment. Alice Cleaver is chosen.

"Alice, you will give in your best manner, in your very best manner, mind, the poem of "The Fireman Brive," suggests Miss

Cleaver, with respect. "No! not the Fireman Brave.' but the one entitled 4 Home of my Youth,1 " Miss Cleaver throws her loose hair from her shoulders and coughs, "'Ome of my Youth,' by Anon," says Miss

"Don't forget your aspirates, dear." Miss Cleaver draws a deep breath in order that she may, at any rate, start with a good one. " Home of my youth, long, long ago, Nesteling sweet in the valley below,

'Ave you forgotten the d'ys that we spent-" Do be careful," urges the drill-sergeant. " Near to the orcheds and medders of "What are medders?" (Satirical question.)

"Things what you eat," says Miss Cleaver. "You are unchynged, still as of yower. Rowses and vierlets bloom at your dower. Rowses that fide, but-" "Oh, my dear, my dear, my dear?" wails the

sergeant. . As the civilian strolls along a street already dusky, with lamps brightening suddenly in the shop windows, some of those released from drill hurry past homeward to their respective-

barracks. "But, I s'y! Ain't she bloomin' peticiar bout the w'y what you prenounce your words?" "And d' you know what," remarks confidentially a mutinous girl. "My mother's bin in service in some of the 'ighest fam'lies in the Pali Mail Gasette.

Master Stace is watched curiously by his THE HORROLS OF ELECTRICITY.

Electricity and its practical effects seem to Ducat, Capt. C. M. be less understood than any other form of energy. Some of the more absurd ideas may be quoted here in order to remove a certain amount of apprehension.

CAN MEAT BE ELECTRIFIED? The other day a Gentral Station engineer applied to his corporation committee for nower to make a charge for inspections demanded by consumers' which might turn out to be frivolous and unnecessary. The reason was that in one case a butcher had complained that his meat was electrified, and in another a consumer at ited that his meter had exploded. The butcher's notion was highly ridiculous, as flesh, living or dead, has not been found to be capable of being electrified even when in much closer contiguity to excessively high electric pressures than the meat could have been to a perfect y safe domestic supply. The other idea of explosion is evidently based on the supposition that electricity is a gas generator. It is true that from some machines a supply of ozone (which we are better acquainted with as "a sniff of the bring") may be derived, but this is not the base with meters, which are a trifle more reliable than their kindred in the gas business.

WATCH STOPPED! TERRIBLE SICKNESS Men who ought to know better liave accused the motors of traincars of magneti ing and otherwise disorganising their watches. This is not always said with the mward conviction that things are so, but it looks well to assume a little technical knowledge occasionally (although it ignores the fact that the motor is clad in an iron asket which no intensity of magnetism can pierce. However, a correspondent of sergeant, and commences to beat time with her | a paper in a great Yorkshire city went much further than this a few mont's ago and stated that he was standing on the pavement when an overhead trolly wire broke on the local tramway system. He saw vivid flames extend for y, rds around, the ground shook, his watch stopped on the instant, and he felt terribly sick 'All this sounds rather alarming, but the details are due to a lively imagination rather than the actual facts. The wire falling to the ground and thus being relieved of all work beyond the breaking point, would no doubt part with its energy to the return inil at such ; rapid rate that the heat evolved would melt the copper and show the characteristic flame. But that is all, and that would be all over in less time than it takes to write the word. Watches have been known to stop before the Odd to note the regular Gregorian way of I dawn of the electrical age, and men have been known to feel ill from what the school-boy dubs "blue funk." - 15-

> WHAT PRESSURE DOES, IT TAKE TO, KILL? Dangemus pressures vary according to the constitution and physical condition of the individuals concerned, but it may interest readers to know that while 1,700 volts of so is used to electrocate criminals in the State of New York a man in Messrs. Siemen's employ has had a shock of 2,000 volts from one hand to the other, arms extended, and has survived the ordeal.-Advocate of India.

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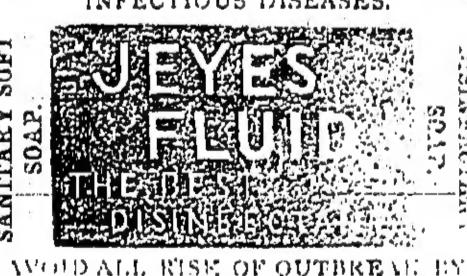
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Steamers.

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ALESIA, German steamer, 2,168, Knuth, 24th Jan.,-Hamburg 1st Dec., and Singapore 17th Jan., General.-Siemssen & Co. ARRATOON APCAR, British steamer, 2,879, E. Fey, 25th Jan.,—Calcutta 7th Jan., Penang 16th, and Singapore 19th, Opium and General.—David Sassoon, Sons & Co. Burdon, British steamer, 1,962, W. Wilson, 24th Jan,—Cardiff 3rd Dec., Goal.—

CHIYUEN, Chinese steamer, 1,211, W. C. Jamieson, 26th Jani,-Shanghai 21st Jani, and Swatow 25th, General .- C. M. S. N.

DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen, 31st Dec.,-Kutchinotzu 26th Dec., Coal,-Siemssen & Co.

EMPRESS OF INDIA, British-steamer, 3,003, O. P. Marshall, R.N.R., 23rd January,-Vancouver 1st Jan., and Shanghai 20th, Mails and General,-C. P. R. Co. HAILAN, French steamer, 377, W. Bast, 21st Jan.,-Pakhoi and Hoihow 20th Jan.,

General.-A. R. Marty. HAILOONG, British steamer, 783, S. Gibson, 26th Jan,-Tamsui and Amoy 23rd Jan., and Swatow 25th, General.-Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HANGCHOW, British steamer, 999, Pearce, 26th Jan.,- Wuhu and Chinking 22nd Jan., Rice .- Butterfield & Swire. HATING, French steamer, 705, M. Jenssen, 26th Jan.,-Haiphong 24th Jan., General.

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HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985, M. Ipland, A 23rd Jan., -Saigon 19th Jan., Rice. -Jebsen & Co. HONGKONG, French steamer, 739, Bastian,

27th Dec.,-Haiphong and Hoihow 26th Dec., General.-A. R. Marty. KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, F. W. Joslin, 24th Jan., -Saigon 20th Jan., Rice and General.-Butterfield & Swire.

Lyeemoon, German steamer, 1,238, G. Heuermann, 19th Jan.,—Canton 18th January, General.—Siemssen & Co. LOKSANG, British steamer, 989, Leask, 24th Jan.,-Bangkok 16th Jan., Rice.-Jardine,

Matheson & Co. LOONGMOON, German stennier, 1,245, F. Schulz, 26th Jan.,-Canton, 25th Jan., . General.-Siemssen & Co. MENMUIR, British steamer, 1,980, S. J. George

6th Dec., -Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th Nov., Sugar. - Jardine, Matheson & Co. ST. PAUL, American steamer, 1,866, Hays, 10th Jan., -- Manila 6th Jan., Ballast -- Order. SARPEDON, British steamer, 3,022, J. Grier,

- 26th Jan.,—Singapore 20th Jan., General, —Butterfield & Swire. SHINI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,850, R. Nakagarey, 26th Jan.,-Moji 20th Jan., Coal.—Order. SWATOW, German steamer, 63t, E. Schipper,

26th Jan.,-Hoihow 25th Jan., Rice.-A' R. Marty TACOMA, American steamer, 1,689, Andrew Dixon, 25th Jan.,-Tacoma, Wash. U.S.A. 23rd Jan., General .- Dodwell & Co., Ld. TAI LEE, German steamer, 828, T. Calender,

23rd Jan,—Saigon 19th Jan., Rice.—Meyer & Co. TAMSUI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,037, K. Sobajima, 25th Jan.,—Foochow 23rd Jan., and Swatow 24th Jan., General,-Mitsul Bussan Kaisha. TSINAN, British steamer, 1,459, O. Anderson,

2nd Jan.,-Sydney and Melbourne 9th Dec., Coal and General.-Butterfield & Swire. WITTENBERG, German steamer, 2,362, L. - Madsen, 26th Jan.,-Kobe 20th January,

General.--Melchers & Co. WONGKOI, British steamer, 1,115, B. B. Brooke Pigot, 21st Jan, -Bangkok 13th Jan., and Swatow 20th, Rice and Teak.-Yuen Fat

Sailing Vessels.

BITTERN, British barquentine, 399, Thos. Askin, 13th Jan.,—Fremantle via Geraldton 10th Jan., Sandalwood.—Siemssen & Co. STANFIELD, British bark, 650, H. Wilson, 19th Jan, - Rajang 13th December, Timber. -

TRAFALGAR, British 4-masted bark, 1,616, M. S. Wright, 26th Dec.,-Hongay 15th Dec., Ballast.-Sander, Wieler & Co. VALKYRIUN, Britisk bark, 498, J. R. Hall, 14th Jan., -Rajang (Borneo) 6th Dec., Timber. -Sing Tai,

WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes, 23rd Sept. - Takow 15th Sept., Ballast -- Mr. F. W. Hali. WM. H. CONNER, American ship, 1,424, J. T.

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